

**State of California  
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION  
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<http://www.fgc.ca.gov>**

**Meeting of  
August 24, 2006 (Thurs.)  
10:00 a.m.**

**Museum of Natural History  
Fleischmann Auditorium  
2559 Puesta del Sol Road  
Santa Barbara**

**SUMMARY OF MEETING**

**1. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Chris Hoefflinger discussed the implications of the Commission's recent decisions regarding MPA's in the Central Coast. He stated that the decision created a disincentive for fishermen to be involved in the management and conservation of fishing resources.**

**Joel Greenberg supported Mr. Hoefflinger's comments. He read from a handout he presented to the Commissioners regarding the MLPA process.**

**Tom Hafer asked the Commission to consider boundary changes to the recently adopted Central Coast MPA's, which would satisfy sport and near shore fishermen.**

**Paul Weakland provided handouts to the Commission and stated his concerns regarding sea otters and the proposed San Miguel Island Abalone assessment. He requested the Commission agendize withering syndrome.**

**Marshall Thomson supported establishing, maintaining and expanding off shore sanctuaries for fisheries.**

**Eric Mills requested a public forum agenda item for both days of the Commission's two- day meeting. He presented an update on the African clawed frog issues in Lily Pond in Golden Gate Park. Mr. Mills expressed his support for hiring additional game wardens to help monitor our natural resources.**

**Vern Goehring stated that currently, the Sea Urchin Association was focusing its efforts on two fronts: regulatory issues and resource conservation. Mr. Goehring requested an update on the recent request for regulatory amendment re: sea urchin fishery.**

**2. RECOGNITION OF WATERFOWLERS HALL OF FAME AND INDUCTION OF SIX INITIAL MEMBERS.**

**Commission presented a resolution to the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance in recognition of the induction of Dr. Dennis Raveling, Warren C. Rienecker, Bill Ready, Bert McKee, Robert Eberhardt, and Harvey Sorenson into the Waterfowlers Hall of Fame.**

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD (WATERFOWL) REGULATIONS FOR 2006-2007.

**Received Department's recommendation; received public testimony. Commission unanimously adopted amendments as recommended by the Department.**

4. UPDATE ON THE CALIFORNIA CONDOR PROGRAM BY JESSE GRANTHAM, CALIFORNIA CONDOR COORDINATOR, US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.

**Received Mr. Grantham's update; received public testimony.**

5. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF COMMISSION INTENT TO AMEND SECTION 236, TITLE 14, CCR, RE: PROHIBIT THE IMPORTATION OF TURTLES AND FROGS FOR THE LIVE ANIMAL MARKET.

**Received Department's recommendation; received public testimony. Commission unanimously authorized staff to public notice of its intent to amend regulations regarding the importation of turtles and frogs.**

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 632(b)(72), TITLE 14, CCR, RE: COMMERCIAL LOBSTER FISHING IN DANA POINT STATE MARINE PARK.

**Received Department's recommendation; received public testimony. Commission unanimously adopted amendments as recommended by the Department; noting that this MPA would be reevaluated in the near future as part of the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative process.**

#### **OTHER**

7. RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION POSITIONS ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

**No report; received public testimony.**

8. RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

(A) UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET.

**No report; no public testimony.**

(B) UPDATE ON LAKE DAVIS PROJECT.

**Received update; no public testimony.**

(C) AVIAN INFLUENZA.

**No report; no public testimony.**

(D) UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HALIBUT TRAWL BILL.

**Received report; received public testimony.**

(E) OTHER.

**Received an update on upcoming cooperative data collection efforts regarding the proposed abalone fishery at San Miguel Island; received public testimony.**

9. UPDATE ON THE SIERRA NEVADA BIGHORN SHEEP PROGRAM.

**Received update from Vern Bleich and Tom Stephenson; no public testimony.**

10. RECEIPT OF FEDERAL AGENCIES INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

**Received update from Chris Mobley regarding the recent release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the consideration of marine reserves and conservation areas within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary; received public testimony.**

11. RECEIPT OF LEGAL COUNSEL INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

**No report; no public testimony.**

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

12. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PRIVATE LANDS HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE AREA LICENSE (2006-2011) AND 2006-2007 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR:

- (A) COON CAMP SPRINGS, LASSEN COUNTY
- (B) LITTLE DRY CREEK RANCH, TEHAMA COUNTY
- (C) ROARING RIVER RANCH, SHASTA COUNTY
- (D) TRIPLE B RANCH, SHASTA COUNTY

**Approved; no public testimony.**

13. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT AND 2006-2007 PRIVATE LANDS HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE AREA PLANS FOR:

- (A) JS RANCH, SHASTA COUNTY

**Approved; no public testimony.**

14. CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR 30 – DAY EXTENSION TO EVALUATE THE PETITION TO DELIST THE CALIFORNIA BROWN PELICAN (*Pelecanus occidentalis californicus*).

**Approved; no public testimony.**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION  
(NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC)

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PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11126(a)(1) AND (e)(1), AND SECTION 309 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE, THE COMMISSION WILL MEET IN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION IS TO CONSIDER:

A. PENDING LITIGATION TO WHICH THE COMMISSION IS A PARTY.

- I. SANFORD WINSTON, ET AL., vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: SPOT PRAWN TRAWL.
- II. CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: TIGER SALAMANDER.
- III. CALIFORNIA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION, ET AL., vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: COHO SALMON.
- IV. JACK MORICI vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE.
- V. BIG CREEK LUMBER COMPANY AND CENTRAL COAST FOREST ASSOC. vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO COHO LISTING.
- VI. LINDY O'LEARY vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: R.R.S.A.C. AND R.R.S.S. PERMIT DENIALS.

B. POSSIBLE LITIGATION INVOLVING THE COMMISSION.

- I. NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, ET AL., vs. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION RE: CALIFORNIA CONDORS EXPOSURE TO LEAD AMMUNITION.

C. STAFF PERFORMANCE AND COMPENSATION.

D. RECEIPT OF HEARING OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS ON LICENSE AND PERMIT ITEMS AND ADOPTION OF COMMISSION FINDINGS FOR:

- I. JOSH FISHER, SOUTHERN ROCK CRAB TRAP PERMIT.
  - II. CARL WHEELER, HALIBUT BOTTOM TRAWL VESSEL PERMIT.
  - III. CHRIS EACOBELLIS, TRANSFERABLE LOBSTER OPERATOR PERMIT.
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**Meeting of  
August 25, 2006 (Fri.)  
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**SUMMARY OF MEETING**

**15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**Commission accepted its Hearing Officer's proposed decisions on the following license and permit items from the Commission's August 24, 2006 Executive Session:**

- I. JOSH FISHER, DENIED, SOUTHERN ROCK CRAB TRAP PERMIT.**
- II. CARL WHEELER, DENIED, HALIBUT BOTTOM TRAWL VESSEL PERMIT.**
- III. CHRIS EACOBELLIS, DENIED, TRANSFERABLE LOBSTER OPERATOR PERMIT.**

**16. RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON ITS REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING COMMISSION POLICIES:**

- (A) PROSPECTING ON FISH AND GAME LANDS.**
- (B) USE OF DESIGNATED DEPARTMENT LANDS FOR PRIVATELY MANAGED PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS.**
- (C) WATER.**
- (D) WETLANDS RESOURCES.**
- (E) DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT CONTROLLED LANDS AS STATE WILDLIFE AREAS.**

**Received Department's report and "no change" recommendation; no public testimony.**

**17. RECEIPT OF COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- (A) STAFF REPORTS.**

**No report; no public testimony.**

- (B) OTHER.**

**Received report from Executive Director Carlson regarding Secretary**

**Chrisman's request that he serve on the Ocean Protection Council's Steering Committee; received public testimony.**

18. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

**No report; no public testimony.**

II. AL TAUCHER'S PRESERVING HUNTING AND SPORT FISHING OPPORTUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE.

**No report; no public testimony. Next meeting scheduled for September 14, 2006 in Sacramento.**

III. LEGISLATION SUBCOMMITTEE.

**No report; no public testimony.**

19. RECEIPT OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTIONS 53.03, 149, AND 149.1, TITLE 14, CCR, RE: NON-TRANSFERABLE SQUID LIGHT BOAT PERMITS, SQUID PERMIT FEES, AND REVISION OF LIGHT BOAT LOG BOOK FORM. (Note: Proposal and public testimony limited to establishment of a Non Transferable Market Squid Light Boat permit category, adjustment of permit fees for all squid permit classes and revision of the light boat logbook form. The adoption hearing is scheduled for October 6, 2006, in San Diego.)

**Received Department's proposed changes; received public testimony.**

20. RECEIPT OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 163 AND 164, TITLE 14, CCR, RE: COMMERCIAL HERRING FISHERY AND HARVESTING OF HERRING EGGS ON KELP (Note: The adoption hearing is scheduled for October 6, 2006, in San Diego.)

**Received Department's proposed changes; no public testimony.**

**OTHER**

21. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETINGS.